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## Russia Cancels Import Permits

Russia revoked all 2006 import permits for poultry and poultry products effective April 27, due to continued cases of nonobservance of veterinary legislation, according to the Russian Agriculture Ministry's press service. Product departing seaports before May 8 will be admitted.

Russia expressed a growing frustration with fraudulent importing procedures. The Federal Service for the Veterinary and Phytosanitary Supervision (Rosselkhoznadzor) complained of shipments off-loaded without import licenses, inconsistency between the documentation and the consignments, attempts to import poultry meat under counterfeit permits, and nonobservance of the conditions for separate storage of different kinds of raw meat in a single enterprise.

The Russian Minister of Agriculture said the renewal of old permits will not take more than two weeks and new certificates will be issued free of charge. Rosselkhoznadzor will institute a simplified procedure to issue new permits.

## Russia's Domestic Poultry Industry Woes

Late 2005 and early 2006 outbreaks of avian influenza in a number of Russia's southern regions led to a significant drop in demand for poultry meat in the infected areas. According to some analysts, poultry consumption patterns did not change significantly in the big cities located far away from the infected regions. Other analysts claim that on average, demand for poultry in Russia has decreased by 10 - 15% during the last three months alone. A number of Russian poultry plant managers announced that they began lowering offer prices by 10% in late January 2006 due to the decline in poultry consumption.

Prompted by losses, in March the Russian Poultry Farmers Union requested a cut in import quotas for 2006 by at least 30%.

## Moscow Wholesale Frozen Chicken Meat Prices

Date	Domestic Chicken			Imported Chicken		
	Carcass	Breast	Leg	Carcass	Breast	Leg
	Boneless	Qtrs		Boneless	Qtrs	
04/30/2003	41.77	55.67	44.50	41.90	56.38	34.42
12/30/2003	56.02	93.33	60.63	55.65	88.32	45.39
03/31/2004	54.07	84.50	52.50	52.51	80.30	44.96
12/29/2004	50.17	90.08	52.24	49.34	89.98	42.28
03/30/2005	61.42	85.00	56.10	63.17	87.33	54.66
09/30/2005	65.19	98.00	63.07	66.34	107.38	60.14
12/30/2005	53.64	95.00	57.50	56.27	97.08	48.93
01/30/2006	52.90	94.92	54.57	60.86	98.21	46.08
02/28/2006	49.39	94.82	57.00	57.29	100.51	42.88

Source: Institute of Agrarian Market Research (IKAR)  
Prices are in rubles per kilogram.

The Russian Poultry Union sponsored a public rally against poultry meat imports on April 19 in Moscow. The rally drew an audience of about 300, many of them employees of poultry growout and processing operations who were bused in the event. Speakers complaints included: the inaction on the part of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade (MEDT) will cause many Russians to lose jobs; there are large stocks of unsold domestic poultry meat at all poultry plants in Russia; U.S. and European food safety authorities care mostly about the cleanliness of work spaces at poultry processing facilities and not the wholesomeness of the product itself.

The group complained that illegal imports of chicken through the Special Economic Zone in Kaliningrad and dumping by importers is leading to overstocking of unsold products and a reduction in wholesale prices by 25%.

## Russia's Federal Customs Service Hikes Minimal Import Prices

The Russian Federal Customs Service recently announced an increase in the minimal declared customs value on meats. The minimum price of beef will increase 200%, chilled pork carcasses 140%, and frozen pork 100%. Changes for poultry meat range from slightly lower to sharply higher.

## Combined Payments For Imports From Other Countries Without Preferences Imports

Item (TN VED Code)	Rate per kg		Combined Payments*	
	Old	New	Old	New
020714100 /1	.51	.55	318	323
020727100 /2	.55	3.00	322	1133
020714000 /3				
From USA	.55	.55	-	323
From Brazil, Argentina	.6	.9	261	-
From Other Countries		1.00		378

/1 Mechanically separated chicken

/2 Turkey boneless meat (thigh, drumstick)

/3 Chicken leg quarters, thigh, drumsticks

\*VAT and duty for imports from countries without preferences

## Russia's Imports of Fresh and Frozen Poultry HS Code 0207

	in thousand metric tons		U.S. Chicken Leg Quarters
	Total Imports	From the U.S.	
Jan-Dec 2002	1,374.9	716.0	624.5
Jan-Dec 2003	1,148.4	674.9	620.9
Jan-Dec 2004	1,101.2	729.3	639.7
Jan-Dec 2005	1,318.3	764.4	713.8

Source: Russian Ministry of Agriculture, Russian Customs Statistics of Foreign Trade, USDA/FAS, news sources

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending April 22, 2006	Year-To-Date			
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	206	511	3,117	4,841
Frozen	41	0	125	21
Dried	0	0	146	107
Total	247	511	3,388	4,969

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending April 22, 2006	Year-To-Date			
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	32	84	841	2,736
Frozen	84	3	362	327
Dried	0	24	41	340
Total	116	111	1,244	3,403

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending April 22, 2006	Year-To-Date			
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Jumbo	0	0	150	33
Extra Large	2,160	6,540	25,230	77,232
Large	2,300	13,466	30,485	193,250
Medium	2,340	3,480	23,375	26,955
Ungraded	2,160	10,200	24,104	35,584
Misc	780	0	2,580	3,793
Total	9,740	33,686	105,924	336,847

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

Apr 28, 2006

**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED**

--- PRICES ---		---- VOLUME ----		
FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.00-20.00	16.00	181,200	-
WTD AVERAGE	19.00	16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-19.50	12.00-16.00	1,854,000	897,600
WTD AVERAGE	13.29	13.33		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection**

W/E 22-Apr-06 (PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	1,208	1,385	2,593
Last Week	1,018	1,333	2,351
Same week yr ago	1,651	1,466	3,117
To-date/2006	19,174	22,922	42,096
To-date/2005	24,380	21,289	45,669

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	160	0	160
Last Week	107	3	110
Same week yr ago	232	0	232
To-date/2006	3,813	10	3,823
To-date/2005	4,673	18	4,691

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

**Total U.S. Fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	1,368	1,385	2,753
Last Week	1,125	1,336	2,461
Same week yr ago	1,883	1,466	3,349
To-date/2006	22,987	22,932	45,919
To-date/2005	29,053	21,307	50,360

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

Apr 28, 2006

**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED**

--- PRICES ---		---- VOLUME ----		
FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50	16.00-17.00	480,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.50	16.38		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.50-20.00	11.50-14.00	1,800,000	1,040,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.25	12.58		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	40,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 28 APRIL 2006.

The market tone on tom bulk parts was steady to instances weak. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of tom drums were light to adequate, tom full-cut wings and necks and tom 2-joint wings adequate to burdensome. The market tone on thigh meat was cautiously steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings adequate to fully adequate. Trading slow to moderate. For domestic: Fresh hen breeder meat 160 cents delivered. For export multiple loads of fresh thigh meat 73 cents delivered.

<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>L.S.T.</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>	<b>VOLUME</b>	<b>WEEKLY</b>	<b>WEEKLY</b>
<b>FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2006</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>CODE 1/</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>VOLUME (000)</b>
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.00-41.00		40.43	564	43.14	1,024
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	23.00		23.00	40	21.30	92
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	30.67	312	30.67	312
TAILS	36.00-38.00		37.00	80	37.00	140
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	20.00		20.00	120	20.40	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	64.00-66.00		65.00	216	66.93	1,048

<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>L.S.T.</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>	<b>VOLUME</b>
<b>THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2006</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>CODE 1/</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	47.00		47.00	156
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	20.00		20.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	30.67	312
TAILS		T	37.00	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	21.00		21.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	67.50-69.00		68.25	80

<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>L.S.T.</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>	<b>VOLUME</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2006</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>CODE 1/</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	47.00		47.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	30.67	312
TAILS		T	37.00	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	22.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.00		65.00	312

<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>L.S.T.</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>	<b>VOLUME</b>
<b>TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2006</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>CODE 1/</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	45.00-46.00		45.80	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	30.00-31.00		30.67	312
TAILS	37.00		37.00	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	22.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	69.00		69.00	120

<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>L.S.T.</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>	<b>VOLUME</b>
<b>MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2006</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>CODE 1/</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	44.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	30.00	104
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	22.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	69.00		69.00	320

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.